

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated September 12, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are currently pending. Claims 12-20 have been withdrawn from the consideration due to an earlier restriction requirement. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0026335, Moon '335 in view of KR 2001-0111863, Moon '863; rejected claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon '335 in view of Moon '863 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0012085, Honda; rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon '335 in view of Moon '863 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0036735, Arakawa. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The rejection of claims 1-7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon '335 in view of Moon '863 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein the CCF layer has the same circular polarization direction as the first circular polarization direction..." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner states in rejecting claim 4, "Moon '863 further teaches the CCF layer as having a third helical pitch in the same direction of the discrete pitch corresponding to wavelengths of red, green and blue colors (Column 5 line 54 –Column 6 line 11)..." Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As shown Fig. 3 of Moon '863, the second CLC polarizer 13 provided is with the CLC color filter 13a, which is aligned with the hole 15a of the CLC color filter 15. See Moon '863 Col. 5, line 9 – Col. 6, line 11. As best understood, nowhere does Moon '863 disclose that the circular polarization direction of the second CLC polarizer 13 is the same as the CLC color filter 15, 13a. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-7 and 11, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon '335 in view of Moon '863 and Honda is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicant respectfully submits that since Honda fails to cure the deficient teachings of Moon '335 and Moon '863, claims 8 and 9 are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon '335 in view of Moon '863 and Arakawa is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicant respectfully submits that since Arakawa fails to cure the deficient teachings of Moon '335 and Moon '863, claims 8 and 9 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

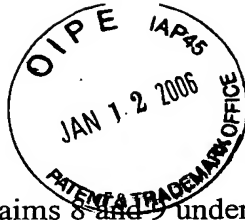
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